

APPENDIX A-139

ACQUISITION METHOD CODES (AMCs)/ACQUISITION METHOD SUFFIX CODES (AMSCs)

1. Number of characters: One.
2. Type of code: Numeric/Alpha.
3. Explanation of the codes are as follows:

a. The Acquisition Method Code (AMC) is a one character numeric code reflecting the decision of the Primary Inventory Control Activity (PICA) as to the technique of purchasing to be employed from a planned procurement review. This code is assigned under the procedures outlined in Supplement 6 to the DoD Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). When screening has been performed as an adjunct to initial provisioning, and prior to submission of Line Item Supply Support Requests (LISSRs), the appropriate AMC shall be provided for all Condition 2 and Condition 3 LISSRs.

b. The Acquisition Method Suffix Code (AMSC) is a one character alpha/numeric code which provides information concerning the status of the technical documentation.

c. The AMC must be used in combination with the AMSC. If one or both fields are blank, or if an invalid combination is submitted, both codes will be changed to reflect a numeric 0. Since Condition 2 submissions will only reflect the AMC, the request for an NSN assignment will be processed with an AMC and AMSC of numeric 0.

4. Source: DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 10, Table 71.
5. The following Acquisition Method Codes are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
0	Not established.
1	Suitable for competitive acquisition. Potential sources shall include dealers/distributors. If sources are limited to the prime contractor and a subcontractor, a competitive code shall not be assigned unless both sources are expected to compare independently for contracts for the part.
2	Suitable for competitive acquisition for the first time. If sources are limited to the prime contractor and a subcontractor, a competitive code shall not be assigned unless both sources are expected to compete independently for contracts for the part.
3	Acquire directly from the actual manufacturer, whether or not the prime contractor is the actual manufacturer.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
4	Acquire, for the first time, directly from the actual manufacturer rather than the prime contractor who is not the actual manufacturer.
5	Acquire only from the prime contractor although the engineering data identifies the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) and part number of a source other than the prime contractor. The DoD activity assigning this code shall furnish the name and CAGE of the prime contractor to the activity responsible for acquiring the part.

6. The following Acquisition Method Suffix Codes (AMSCs) are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
0	Not established.
A	The Government's rights to use data in its possession is questionable. (NOTE: This code is only applicable to parts under immediate buy requirements and only as long as rights to data are still under review for resolution and appropriate recoding.) Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
B	Acquisition of this part is restricted to source(s) specified on Source Control, Alerted Item or Selected Item drawings/documents. Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3 and 4.
C	This part requires engineering source approval by the design control activity in order to maintain the quality of the part. An alternate source must qualify in accordance with the design control activity's procedures, as approved by the cognizant Government engineering activity. Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, and 4.
G	The Government has unlimited rights to the technical data, and the data package is complete. Valid AMCs are 1 and 2.
H	The Government physically does not have in its possession sufficient, accurate, or legible data to purchase this part from other than current source(s). (NOTE: This code is applicable only to parts under immediate buy requirements and only as long as the deficiency is under review for resolution and appropriate recoding.) Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
K	This part must be produced from class 1A castings (e.g., class 1 of MIL-C-6021) and similar type forgings. The part must be procured only from sources which use castings or forgings obtained from approved (controlled) source(s). Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
L	The annual buy value of this part falls below the screening threshold of \$10,000, but it has been screened from known source(s). (NOTE: This code shall not be used when screening parts entering the inventory. It shall not be assigned in preference to or supersede any other AMSC.) Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
M	Master or coordinated tooling is required to produce this part. This tooling is not owned by the Government or, where owned, cannot be made available to other sources. Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, and 4.
N	This part requires special test and/or inspection facilities to determine and maintain ultraprecision quality for its function or system integrity. Substantiation and inspection of the precision or quality cannot be accomplished without such specialized test or inspection facilities. Valid AMCs are 1 and 2.
P	The rights to use the data needed to purchase this part from additional sources are not owned by the Government and cannot be purchased. Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
R	The data or the rights to use the data needed to purchase this part from additional sources are not owned by the Government, and it has been determined that it is uneconomical to purchase ,them. Valid AMCs are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
T	Acquisition of this part is controlled by QPL procedures. Valid AMCs are 1 and 2.
U	The cost to the Government to break out this part and acquire it competitively has been determined to exceed the projected savings over the life span of the part. Valid AMCs are 3, 4, and 5.
V	This part has been designated a high-reliability part under a formal reliability program. Probability of failure would be unacceptable from the standpoint of safety of personnel and/or equipment. The cognizant engineering activity has determined that data to define and control reliability limits cannot be obtained, nor is it possible to draft adequate specifications for this purpose. Valid AMCs are 3, 4, and 5.
Y	The design of this part is unstable. Engineering, manufacturing, or performance characteristics indicate that the required design objectives have not been achieved. Major changes are contemplated because the part has a low process yield, or has demonstrated marginal performance during tests or service use. These changes will render the present part obsolete and unsuitable in its present configuration. Limited acquisition from the present source is anticipated pending configuration changes. Valid AMCs are 3, 4, and 5.

7. References:

a. Provisioning Line Item Supply Support Request (LISSR), appendix B-214.

b. Data Record Numbers (DRNs) 2871 and 2876.